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January 16, 1981

Mr. Robert D. Moore
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RE: Notice of Intention to Commence
Exploratory Drilling
Raven Ridge Project
Western Tar Sands, Inc.
Uintah County, Utah
EXP/047/020

Dear Mr. Moore:

Thank you for your letter received by the Division January 2, 1981 concerning Western Tar Sands, Inc.'s proposed exploratory drilling program in Uintah County, Utah. The letter does not satisfy the notice requirements of Rule M-3(5) of the Utah Mined Land Reclamation Act of 1975, Title 40-8, Utah Code Annotated.

I was contacted by Mr. Lewis G. Manwaring of Coal Systems, Inc. today and he suggested I contact you about any additional information concerning Western Tar Sands exploration permit. I tried to contact you in person, but you were out.

The following information is still required:

Rule M-3(5)c - A description of the plugging program for all drill holes larger than 2 1/2" in diameter, to prevent the migration of fluids from one strata to another.

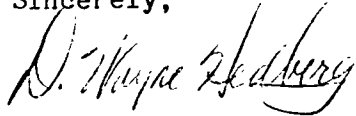
Rule M-3(5)d - Description of reclamation plans for all ground disturbances related to the operation (ie., grading, stabilization procedures, seed mixtures, rates, methods, and times of seeding).

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If any operations or disturbances are to be conducted on state lands or mineral leases then the Division of State Lands will need to be contacted 60 days prior to the commencement of operations.

The Division will suspend review and await Western Tar Sands, Inc.'s amended Notice of Intention. Thank you for your cooperation.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "D. Wayne Hedberg".

D. WAYNE HEDBERG
RECLAMATION HYDROLOGIST

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